(घ) क्या उदार नीति तथा विदेशी निवेश संबंधी कानूनों से भारतीय उद्यमियों के लिए दक्षिण अफ्रीका में निवेश-संबंधी नए अवसर पैदा हुए हैं ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) और (ङ) पृथक्वासन युग के दौरान दक्षिण अफ्रीका की अर्थव्यवस्था पर कुछ औद्योगिक और वाणिज्यिक समूहों का प्रभुत्व था और यह स्थिति अभी भी बनी हुई है । दक्षिण अफ्रीका की मौजूदा सरकार अपने पुनर्निर्माण और विकास कार्यक्रम के तहत दक्षिण अफ्रीका के बहुसंख्य समुदाय के लिए बेहतर राजनीतिक, सामाजिक और आर्थिक अवसर प्रदान करने के लिए कई कदम उठा रही है । दक्षिण अफ्रीका की सरकार ने अपने पुनर्निर्माण और विकास कार्यक्रम में भारतीय सहयोग प्राप्त करने की इच्छा जाहिर की है । भारत सरकार ने इस बात का संकेत दिया है कि वह इस कार्यक्रम में और कम लागत के आवास एवं लघु उद्योगों जैसे प्राथमिकता वाले क्षेत्रों में सहयोग करने के लिए तैयार है ।

दक्षिण अफ्रीका की मौजूदा सरकार अपना संविधान तथा उससे संबंधित विधान तैयार कर रही है जिसमें विदेशी पूंजी निवेश भी शामिल है । इन्हें अन्तिम रूप देने के पश्चात् दक्षिण अफ्रीका में पूंजीनिवेश के अवसरों की एक स्पष्ट तस्वीर उभर कर सामने आएगी । इसी बीच कई भारतीय निजी उद्यमों और कम्पनियों ने दक्षिण अफ्रीका में अपने कार्यालय खोल लिए हैं और वे वहां निजी पूंजीनिवेश तथा संयुक्त उद्यमों की सम्भावनाओं का पता लगा रहे हैं ।

Chinese Control over Indian Ocean

7955. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "China seeks control of Indian Ocean" as reported in the Statesman, dated the 25th December.

(b) if so, whether China proposes to control the Indian Ocean; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government arc aware of China's naval modernisation prog-amme and of Chinese activities in the Indian Ocean which may lead to expansion of their capabilities.

(c) Government keep under constant review all development having a bearing on India's security and take appropriate measures to safeguard the national interest.

Externa] Dimension of Persisting Kashmir problem

7956. DR. JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

fa) whether Government nave examined the external dimension of persisting Kashmir problem; and

(b) if so, Government's assessment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Pakistan has been agitating the J&K issue in the international fora and indulging in a motivated campaign

directed against India. It has made attempts to mislead the international opinion about the true facts ton the situation in J&K in regard of external Sustenance of militancy Pakistan's efforts to project a diito<is,d picture of the security climate in the subcontinent owing to its differences with India over J&K, are aimed at seeking a third party intervention. Pakistan has from time to time also attempted to give the J&K issue a religious bias especially among members of the OIC.

Government regard Pakistan's anti-India campaign and its efforts to in tenvationalise J&K issue to be in contravention of the spirit of the Simla Agreement. These negative actions of Pakistan vitiate the atmosphere of bilateral relations and run counter to universally accepted norms of inter-State relations. We are firmly committed to the resolution of all differences with Pakistan peacefully through bilateral negotiations within the framework of the Simla Agreement. There is no scope for any third country involvement. Government have and will continue to take all steps to apprise the international community, including members of the OIC, of the true facts regarding situation in J&K Government, are also firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to counter terrorists, and will remain vigilant about material, financial or any other support extended from outside quarters in sustenance of actvi-ties directed against India.

Extradition from Nepal

7957. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

SHRl CHIMANBHAI MEHTA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nepal Government have cancelled th" passporort of an accomolice of Dawood Ibrahim and have derecoenised his citizenshid; and

(b) if so, what are its implications now on getting him extradited to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) The Nepa lese authorities have informed the Government of India that they have annulled the citizenship and conse quential documents of Shri Om Pra kash Srivastava @Babloo @Arun Kumar Aggarwal, presently in detention in Singapore pending decision on our request for his extradition to India.

(b) Shri Om Prakash Srivastava had initially taken the plea that he was not Shri Om Prakash Srivastava, an Indian national, but Arun Kumar Aggarwal, a Nepalese national, and hence not liable to be extradited to India in terms of the extradition agreement between India and Singapore. In the light of the Nepal Government's disavowal, this point regarding citizenship is not expected to be a hurdle in the processing of our extradition request by the Singapore authorities.

Liberation of Indian territory illegally occupied by Pakistan

7958. DR. B. B. DUTTA:

SHRI HIPHE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that' an unanimous Resolution was passed by both the Houses of Parliament, urging upon Government to take all possible steps for the liberation of the Indian Territory illegally occupied by Pakistan;

(b) if so, details of steps taken so far at diplomatic level in this direction and the outcome thereof; and

■*(c)* whether Government have chalked out a time schedule for this purpose?